

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-16 are currently pending. Claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 9-16, which are independent, are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification as originally filed.

Changes to the claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,204,886 to Yoshimura et al. (hereinafter, merely “Yoshimura”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,692,213 to Goldberg et al. (hereinafter, merely “Goldberg”).

Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claim 1 is representative and recites, *inter alia*:

“wherein, when the dual-screen display image is activated, the controlling element causes the processing element to select one of the recording monitor image and the playback image,

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wherein, when the dual-screen display image is activated and the recording monitor image is selected, the controlling element enables only user operations

affecting the recording monitor image and disables user operations affecting the playback image, and

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wherein, when the dual-screen display image is activated and the playback image is selected, the controlling element enables only user operations affecting the playback image and disables user operations affecting the recording monitor image.

As understood by Applicants, Yoshimura relates to a television receiver having a recording and reproducing function and a recoding and reproducing method of a television signal such that a program is always recording on a recording medium. By time-divisionally processing, the recording and reproduction are executed in parallel. A high speed reverse rotation reproduction is instructed by the user in order to switch from the video image by the television broadcasting to the reproduction video image reproduced from a hard disk.

As understood by Applicants, Goldberg relates to controlling real-time presentation of audio/visual data on a computer system through accelerated replay of a multimedia real-time presentation.

Claim 1 recites, "wherein, when the dual-screen display image is activated, the controlling element causes the processing element to select one of the recording monitor image and the playback image, wherein, when the dual-screen display image is activated and the recording monitor image is selected, the controlling element enables only user operations affecting the recording monitor image and disables user operations affecting the playback image, and wherein, when the dual-screen display image is activated and the playback image is selected, the controlling element enables only user operations affecting the playback image and disables user operations affecting the recording monitor image."

That is, in present invention there is a dual-display having both an image showing a playback video and an image monitoring a video being recorded. One of the playback image or

the recording image is selected from the dual-display. Based upon which image is selected enables user operations affecting the selected image and disables user operations affecting the non-selected image. In an embodiment, the selected image is enlarged. When the recording image is selected, the invention enables operations by the user only on the recording monitor screen. For example, recording may be stopped or brought to a pause. However, the playback is kept from being affected by any such operations as stop, pause, slow, or high-speed playback at variable speeds. Conversely, when the playback image is selected, the invention enables operations by the user only on the playback image such as stop, pause, slow, or high-speed playback at variable speeds whereas the recording image cannot be brought to a stop or to a pause. Publ. App. pars. [0053], [0063] and [0065].

Thus, in the present invention, the image selected from a dual-image display causes enabling of functions affecting the selected image and disabling of functions affecting the non-selected image.

Applicants respectfully submit that Yoshimura and Goldberg, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the features of claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is patentable over those references.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to independent claim 1, independent claims 3, 5, 6 and 9-16 are also believed to be patentable.

III. DEPENDENT CLAIMS

The other claims are dependent from one of the independent claims discussed above, and are therefore believed patentable for at least the same reasons. Since each dependent claim is

also deemed to define an additional aspect of the invention, however, the individual reconsideration of the patentability of each on its own merits is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION


In the event the Examiner disagrees with any of the statements appearing above with respect to the disclosures in the cited references, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner specifically indicate those portion or portions of the references, providing the basis for a contrary view.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

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